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**Subject:** RE: Drug Lab/2008 marijuana cases

Thank you, Elisabeth. I was at my home computer and something funny was going on. If it would work with you and Julie, could we meet on Friday at 9:30 am? I think we could work much of this out if we meet in person.

Thank you for your quick response. Looking forward to our meeting,  
Christina

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**From:** O'Brien, Elisabeth (DPH)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 12, 2009 10:53 AM  
**To:** Miller, Christina (SUF)  
**Subject:** Drug Lab/2008 marijuana cases  
Hi Christina,

I received a message that you tried to reach me and had trouble with the e-mail so I thought I would give it a try. Thank you for getting back to Julie and me as I know that you are very busy, however we are strategically trying to come up with a way to cope with the overwhelming backlog that we have here at the laboratory.

I know that you are familiar with our attempt to resolve the outstanding small marijuana cases from 2008 that are still awaiting analysis. The logistics of implementing a plan that addresses our need to reduce unnecessary analysis and yet still identify "open" cases is more difficult because we have no cross referencing between the lab number and "CC" number. It is possible that the Boston Drug Control unit can cross reference those numbers and that may be helpful going forward. What may also be helpful is that Boston DCU does writes the "cc" number on the drug envelope. However, we also need to keep in mind we are talking about a large number of outstanding small marijuana cases that this applies to, approximately 1000 from Boston alone.

What may be helpful is to provide you with a "visual" of the scope of this endeavor on our end and let you see the types of samples with the information that is available to us on the drug envelopes. I'm hopeful many of these small marijuana cases are not in need of analysis at this point in time and we can focus our efforts on higher priority cases (like all those rush notifications and expedited requests from Suffolk County!).

I hope that you can find the time to meet with Julie and me for further discussion. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions and I appreciate your efforts on our behalf.

Thank you,

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